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Iran-Iraq War

Two air attacks on shipping in the Gulf were reported over the weekend. On 11 October the Indian car freighter "Jag Pari" was bombed, but not severely damaged, 60 miles off the coast of Bahrain, according to a Lloyd's report cited by Muscat radio. Delhi radio said the ship's captain identified the attacking plane as Iranian. However, neither Iranian nor Iraqi sources were observed to mention this raid. In the second attack, on 12 October, the Greek tanker "Gas Fountain" caught fire after being hit by "three missiles from a plane," Athens radio reported, noting that the identity of the attackers has not been "clarified" although "maritime circles in Bahrain" said it took place farther south than Iraq's operation zone, in an area where Iranian planes usually attack. Tehran radio claimed that Iraqi planes were responsible for the attack and noted that Iranian "units" rescued some of the tanker's crew. No mention of the second attack was monitored from Iraqi media.

As for air activity in the battle zone, IRNA accused Iraq of a "savage" raid early on 13 October in Ilam Province, claiming that one villager was killed and four wounded. An Iraqi military spokesman denied this allegation in a statement to INA, contending that the attack hit only military targets and that Iran had used the allegation to justify shelling Iraqi civilian areas on the same day.

In a separate development, the head of Iran's commission for Iraqi POW's announced that Iran is ready to allow visits by 1,000 of their immediate relatives, IRNA disclosed. Meanwhile, addressing combatants bound for the front, Ayatollah Hoseyn 'Ali Montazeri stressed that they should not spend all their time "chanting slogans or carrying out unnecessary ceremonies," Tehran radio reported. Instead, he pointed out, the combatants should use the "opportunity" at the front to gain essential military training.

Commenting on recent military developments in the Gulf states, Tehran radio's Arabic service accused "imperialist circles" of trying to brainwash the people of the Gulf about Iranian plans to escalate the war, in order to persuade those states to spend lavishly on expensive modern weapons. However, the radio continued, to "keep the resources of Muslims for Muslims," Iran still guarantees that it will not interfere in the Gulf countries' internal affairs if they will stop supporting Iraqi President Saddam Husayn.

Iran

The Soviet ambassador handed Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati a "special message from his government" and explained his government's views on some international issues, Tehran radio reported on 13 October. In a separate development, a Foreign Ministry official denied that there had been a "rumoured meeting" between the Iranian charge d'affaires to Saudi Arabia and a Saudi deputy foreign minister last week, according to IRNA.

Lebanon

Israeli Withdrawal Plan — In "approximately 1 month" the Israeli Cabinet will consider a plan whereby the IDF will withdraw toward the Al-Litani River in the west but will remain facing the Syrians if they do not accept Israel's conditions for security arrangements, Jerusalem radio reported on 15 October. Jerusalem television likewise said that if Syria does not agree to the stationing of UNIFIL troops in southern Lebanon, Israel will unilaterally redeploy the IDF along the eastern frontline and hand over responsibility for security in the western sector to the army of southern Lebanon. Israel has already told the countries participating in UNIFIL that the IDF will start withdrawing from Lebanon within 6 months, and has promised that UNIFIL will assume responsibility for all areas evacuated by the IDF, according to the radio. Meanwhile, the UN Security Council extended the UNIFIL mandate for another 6 months at Lebanon's request, Beirut radio noted.

Military Situation — An IDF soldier was killed and another wounded while hunting a "terrorist" squad near Jazzin on 12 October, the IDF spokesman announced in a statement reported by ITIM. The Palestine Popular Struggle Front claimed responsibility for attacking an Israeli position in the area, according to Voice of Lebanon radio. The IDF subsequently conveyed a "stern warning" to Druze leaders not to allow gunmen to infiltrate the Israeli-occupied area from the Al-Shuf mountains, *THE JERUSALEM POST* reported. However, monitored Israeli media did not mention or confirm a Voice of Lebanon radio report that Israeli planes raided armed positions in the Al-Shuf on 14 October.

Israel

Inflation is the most pressing issue facing the Cabinet, which will do everything possible to obtain a "package deal" between management and labor to overcome the problem, Prime Minister Shim'on Peres asserted at a Ben-Gurion Airport news conference broadcast by IDF radio. On political issues, Peres said he intends to issue further appeals for talks with Jordan's King Husayn, and he also confirmed the government's intention to replace the five appointed West Bank mayors with mayors from the Arab population. As for his talks in Washington, Peres stressed that the U.S. Administration had placed no conditions or pressure on Israel in return for U.S. economic assistance, which will help to create a "new economy" in Israel with "substantial and expansive" U.S. participation.

Syria

Syria finds it "useful" to hold a continuous dialogue with the United States, and it can use such a dialogue to tell the

Americans that they are "wrong" in their Mideast policy, Foreign Minister Faruq al-Shar' stated in an interview with the London magazine *AL-HAWADITH*. In this respect, Syria's influence on the United States may exceed the influence of Arab states that enjoy good relations with the Americans, he contended. On inter-Arab affairs, Al-Shar' strongly denied that Algeria and the PDRY have been mediating in the dispute between Syria and the PLO leadership.

PLO

PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat chaired a meeting of Palestinian leaders in Tunis during which PLO deputy military commander Khalil al-Wazir reported on his recent visit to Algeria, Baghdad Voice of PLO radio noted. Al-Wazir disclosed that the Palestinians and Algerians have agreed to hold further talks in the near future in order to continue contacts on convening the PNC in Algiers, the radio added.

Libyan Withdrawal From Chad

France possesses evidence that Libyan troops have begun withdrawing from Chad in accordance with the agreement signed on 17 September, French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson disclosed in remarks reported by Paris radio.

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PDPA Politburo Discusses UN Assembly, U.S. Actions

LD121551 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 11 Oct 84

[Text] A periodic session of the PDPA Politburo has been held. It was chaired by Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council.

The session heard a report by Shah Mohammad Dost, DRA minister of foreign affairs, on the participation of the DRA delegation to the 39th session of the UN General Assembly held in New York on 19 September.

The session approved the active role taken at the session by the Afghan delegation led by Shah Mohammad Dost and approved his talks with the UN secretary general and heads of delegations of friendly countries.

The speech delivered at the UN General Assembly session by the head of the Afghan delegation was also approved. This speech explained the principled, peaceful policy of the DRA in light of the critical, tense world situation stemming from the adventurist, war-mongering, and militarist policy of U.S. imperialism. The speech also addressed the situation surrounding Afghanistan, a result of the undeclared war of international imperialism, led by the U.S.

Babrak Karmal spoke in detail about the UN General Assembly session and about the DRA's position on world issues. He once again clarified the principled and peaceful foreign policy of the country in relation to events surrounding Afghanistan.

Babrak Karmal said: The U.S. Administration, led by Ronald Reagan, has put the world in danger of a nuclear catastrophe by its hysterical, militarist, and war-mongering policy.

The Reagan administration is continuously pursuing a course of preparation for war including chemical and nuclear war which threatens to destroy all mankind in order to follow its aggressive objectives. U.S. imperialism, on the basis of its hysterical, militarist, and hegemonist policy, has declared almost all areas of the world as so-called spheres of the U.S. vital interests, and is expanding its aggressive military bases in various corners of the world, seeking to create various other bases. The United States has equipped most of these bases with nuclear weapons.On the basis of its aggressive and militarist policy it wants to crush all popular liberation movements, the crush the freedom, independence, and sovereignty of nations, and to impose on the people of the world the U.S. way of life.

Babrak Karmal said: U.S. imperialism is waging a treacherous undeclared war against the DRA, Nicaragua, and any other country which follows a progressive and anti-imperialist path to progress.

The DRA Government and people are suffering many losses as a result of the undeclared war of imperialists, primarily the Reagan-led U.S. Administration.

The U.S. Congress approved a provocative, criminal resolution of the U.S. Administration on 4 October, giving Reagan permission to put more lethal weapons at the disposal of the criminal counterrevolutionary bands against the DRA. This is fresh proof of the blatant and shameful interference by U.S. imperialism against our country.

The people of Afghanistan and all progressive people condemn with hated and repulsion the blatant aggression of Reagan's imperialist administration against revolutionary Afghanistan; they condemnits frantic military policy against all mankind.

Babrak Karmal said: The DRA profoundly supports the peaceful policy of the Soviet Union for preventing nuclear war and defending world peace.

The principled and humanitarian policy of the socialist countries, led by the Soviet Union, [word indistinct] is for the defense of peace, the security of the world's people, and improving the international situation in accordance with the interests of all mankind. Therefore approved by all forces of peace, freedom, independence, national sovereignty, and development [word indistinct].

Babrak Karmal said: The DRA profoundly supports peace initiatives of the Soviet Union aimed at creating a laws for nuclear powers, including the obligation not to be the first to use nuclear weapons, preventing the militarization of space, and eliminating state terrorism in international relations. The DRA regards it as a realistic, constructive and [word indistinct] for peace and mankind from the danger of nuclear catastrophe.

Babrak Karmal added: U.S. imperialism uses the policy of international terrorism against the DRA and strives, at any price, to prevent the progressive development of our country. On the basis of this policy, U.S. imperialism trains and arms professional killers and terrorists and sends them to our country to kill the innocent people of our society and to commit the most shameful and evil terrorist actions. The planting of a bomb in the vicinity of Kabul airport is an example.

Babrak Karmal said: The DRA, as a free, independent, nonaligned country, faithful to the progressive Nonaligned Movement and its principled, humane, and peaceful foreign policy, has always supported the UN Charter.

Babrak Karmal said: On the basis of this principled and constructive policy the DRA is always prepared for a solution of events surrounding Afghanistan through peaceful talks. In this respect it has followed and will contiue to follow a firm, principled, and flexible policy. We are hoping that the United Nations and human society will perceive the peaceful objectives of DRA foreign policy and the fact that our country has been savagely violated by imperialism and international reaction, headed by U.S. imperialism in collaboration with hegemonistic China and forces of reaction in the region.

At the periodic Politburo session the issue of salaries of DRA officers was discussed; the proposal of the DRA Council of Ministers about payment of salaries to officers of the Armed

Forces on the basis of specified norms, ranks and grades, is to be approved.

In accordance with this decision of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo, a just order will be created based on rank, grade, and years of service for the payment of salaries to DRA Armed Forces officers who defend day and night the freedom, national independence and sovereignty, territorial integrity, and gains of the April revolution with the support of the heroic people of Afghanistan under the leadership of the PDPA.

At this Politburo session talks and discussions were also held about a number of other issues including internal party life; necessary decisions were taken.

Karmal Sends Congratulatory Message to PDRY Leader
LD150645 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0430 GMT 15 Oct 84

[Text] Kabul, October 14, BAKHTAR — Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the Central Committee of the PDPA and president of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA, has sent to Aden a congratulatory message addressed to 'Ali Nasir Muhammad, general secretary of the Central Committee of Yemen Socialist Party, chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Council and prime-minister of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen (PDRY).

The message expresses hope that the existing friendly relations and fraternal cooperation between the parties, peoples and governments of the two countries will further expand in the interest of the peoples of the DRA and PDRY as well as peace and security all over the world.

Qader Discusses Enhancing War Preparedness
LD121919 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 11 Oct 84

[Text] Party activists of units and companies of the Air Force and air defense force — with the participation of Lieutenant General Abdol Qader, candidate member of the PDPA Central Committee politburo and DRA minister of national defense — held a session today in the central club of Khaja Rawash garrison. They discussed the duties of commanders, political workers, party committees, and organizations in relation to further enhancement of the level of the units and companies war preparedness. They also discussed improving the quality of professional and political training and education in light of resolutions of the 14th plenum of the PDPA Central Committee, and implementation of the instructions and guidance of Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of DRA Revolutionary Council. They discussed proper celebration of the 20th founding anniversary of the PDPA.

At the beginning of this glorious session, the political head of the Air Force and air defense force read out a report on the duties of the personnel of the units and companies of the Air Force and air defense force according to resolutions of 14th plenum of the PDPA Central Committee. He discussed the need to further enhance the units' level of war preparedness and to decisively crush the counterrevolutionaries. He said:

A short time has elapsed since the convocation of the 14th plenum of the PDPA Central Committee. The resolutions and decisions of the 14th plenum have put before us very important and vital duties, including the consolidation of unity in party ranks, enhancing the level of order, party and military discipline, enhancing durable war preparedness for wiping out counterrevolutionary bands, etc.

Therefore, we must use all our power to implement the instructions and guidance of Babrak Karmal, and the resolutions and decisions of the 14th plenum of the PDPA Central Committee, and to begin our revolutionary work and struggle in the new academic year by inflicting crushing blows on the counterrevolutionary bands in celebration of the 20th founding anniversary of the PDPA, in a spirit of love for the homeland and revolution, faithfulness to the PDPA, and in the interests of the country's workers.

Lt Gen Abdol Qader, general commander of Air Force and air defense forces, Brig Gen Abdol Oyum Samadi, commander of air defense force, and seven other session participants spoke and approved the basic report. On behalf of the personnel of their units and companies, they gave an assurance to the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and Babrak Karmal not to spare any effort and endeavor in removing shortcomings in work. They pledged continuous enhancement of war preparedness and successful discharge of duties allotted to them.

In conclusion, Lt Gen Abdol Qader positively assessed the work of the session. In wishing further victories of the personnel of the units and companies of the Air Force and air defense force, he drew their attention to their crucial and revolutionary duties for the satisfactory defense of gains of the April revolution, defense of peace and calm in the country and in the region, and defense of the rights and interests of the country's workers.

At the end of the session, a resolution on specific duties of the units and companies of the air and air defense force was unanimously approved.

The work of this glorious session ended in an atmosphere full of comradely feelings, sincerity, and mutual understanding.

Paper: Fugitive Camps Becoming Prisoner Camps
LD150906 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0441 GMT 15 Oct 84

[Text] Kabul, October 14, BAKHTAR — The condition of Afghan fugitive camps in Pakistan and China is transforming into prisoners camps of Nazism period. [sentence as received] Each camp consists of a number of tents surrounded by barbed-wires. The fugitives have no freedom of action. This was stated in an article published in daily, *HEYWAD* .

As so-called emigrants, they are living under intolerable conditions, deprived of hygienic water, sufficient food and medical care, the article said.

According to the statistics of United Nations the amount of food stuff distributed to each emigrant in the camps generates1700-1800 calories which is insufficient and therefore, they are prone to various diseases.

Frankly, the aim of Pakistani military regime is to carry on a political business. By false propaganda, the military regime is taking advantage of the physical power of escapees in intolerable low-wage compulsory works, using them against the revolutionary movements under the guise of jehad, the military regime exploits the fugitive sowing the seeds of enmity among them. [sentence as received]

These tragic conditions and political business of the Pakistani military regime have fed up our compatriots. Therefore they are returning to their beloved homeland in ever increasing numbers, the daily concluded.

Clandestine Radio: More Than 100 Enemy Killed
GF121818 (Clandestine) Voice of Islamic Revolution of Afghanistan in Dari 1700 GMT 12 Oct 84

[Text] Violent clashes have occurred in the region of Vakhan, one of the districts of Kabul, between our mujahidin brothers and the forces of Soviet invaders and government mercenaries. According to reports, an attack was launched by our victorious Muslim mujahidin last Wednesday on the Soviet forces, resulting in heavy losses on the occupying forces, both in men and materiel. In these operations our Muslim mujahidin opened rocket fire on enemy helicopters, damaging many helicopters and shooting down several.

Our Muslim mujahidin in a series of operations in the Gol Tappeh and Qal'eh-ye Hasan Khan regions succeeded in destroying 4 Soviet tanks and 4 transport vehicles, killing more than 100 of the enemy.

Karachi: Mujahidin Shoot Down MIG
BK131055 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 13 Oct 84

[Text] Reports from Afghanistan say the mujahidin beat off an air and ground attack by the Soviet-Karmal forces on their positions in Panjwai subdivision of Qandahar Province late last month. According to agency reports, the mujahidin shot down a MIG aircraft, damaged two tanks and inflicted heavy loss to the Karmal forces.

Karachi: Regime To Introduce Passport System
BK150306 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 15 Oct 84

[Text] Reports from Afghanistan say the Karmal administration is trying to introduce a passport system within the country to restrict the movement of the people. Under this system, all people will be required to seek official permission to leave their cities and will have to register guests from other areas. The reports say this step was taken in the wake of intensified attacks by the Afghan mujahidin on cities, especially Kabul. The Karmal administration is seemingly trying to end the coordination between the resistance in the rural areas and the mujahidin's increasing number of attacks on cities. The Karmal administration has threatened to impose fines and other punishments on violators of this system.

Ershad Expresses 'Deep Shock' at UK Explosion
BK130919 Dhaka BSS in English 0909 GMT 13 Oct 84

[Text] Dhaka Oct 13 BSS — President of Bangladesh Lt-Gen Hussain Mohammad Ershad has expressed his deep shock at the explosion in Britain where Prime Minister Thatcher and her cabinet colleagues where holding meetings.

In a message the president said: The government and the people of Bangladesh join me in mourning the tragic death of the unfortunate victims of this heinous act. We pray for the early recovery of Mr Norman Tebbit and those others injured in this incident.

Delhi: 15-Party Alliance To Boycott Poll
BK131255 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 13 Oct 84

[Text] In Bangladesh, the Awami League-led 15-party alliance has refused to participate in any election held under martial law. The alliance adopted a resolution to this effect at its meeting in Dhaka.

Our Dhaka correspondent, Prabhakar Mishra, says the resolution is a reply to President Ershad's announcement that martial law will be lifted entirely when the first session of the newly elected parliament meets.

The chairperson of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party and leader of the 7-party alliance, Mrs Khalida Zia, has said that a reply will be sent soon on behalf of the alliance.

Both alliances are organizing separate national rallies tomorrow.

Delhi: Anti-Government Demonstration in Dhaka 14 Oct
BK141244 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 14 Oct 84

[Text] In Dhaka, thousdands of people joined a major anti-government demonstration today. Bangladesh's two main opposition alliances called the national demonstration in a bid to force President Ershad to end the martial law and appoint an interim government before elections. So far there are no reports of violence.

Delhi: Newspapers Observe Strike 15 Oct
BK151242 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 15 Oct 84

[Text] In Bangladesh, newspapers did not publish this morning following the decision taken last night by the journalists unions and editors of newspapers. The action follows the alleged instruction by the newspapers authorities not to publish portions of speeches made at the opposition rally in Dhaka yesterday.

Gandhi Condemns Attempt on Life of Thatcher

BK121559 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 12 Oct 84

[Text] The prime minister, Mrs Gandhi, has condemned the attempt on the life of Mrs Thatcher. In a message to the British prime minister, she said all terrorism and violence are to be condemned. Mrs Gandhi wished an early recovery of the injured.

Gandhi Accuses Opposition of Ignoring Dangers

BK150401 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 15 Oct 84

[Excerpts] The prime minister has said that the country has to be prepared for any contingency. Addressing a press conference in Hyderabad last evening, Mrs Gandhi alleged that the opposition parties are ignoring the dangers surrounding the country and the need for national unity and integration. Mrs Gandhi said when she talked of such needs in the context of dangers facing the country she was accused of diverting the attention.

Asked to comment on the reported proposal of the United States to provide a nuclear umbrella to Pakistan, Mrs Gandhi said she had already made her comments that it will be unfortunate if it is like that.

Asked about the involvement of foreign hand in the Punjab events, the prime minister said the government had put it very clearly and quite a lot had come out. We cannot give more details, she added.

Earlier in the day, Mrs Gandhi made an aerial survey of the drought-hit areas in the state [Andhra Pradesh]. Expressing concern at the severity of drought in the state, the prime minister conveyed her sympathy to the affected people.

The prime minister also visited the old city of Hyderabad which witnessed widespread disturbances recently. She announced a sanction of 10 lakh rupees from the Prime Minister's Relief Fund to the victims of the recent communal disturbances in the Hyderabad city.

Mrs Gandhi has since returned to New Delhi.

Carrying of Arms Into Golden Temple Banned

BK131559 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 13 Oct 84

[Excerpts] In Amritsar, the kar sewa [voluntary community service] to remove filth and mud from the holy sarovar [tank] has completed half the sarovar in a record 37 hours. More than 20,000 took part in it.

Meanwhile, carrying of arms has been banned inside the Golden Temple premises. In a notice outside the main gate of the Darbar Sahib [Golden Temple], devotees have been directed to deposit their arms at a special counter of the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak [Sikh Temple Management] Committee before entering the Golden Temple.

Sri Lanka Arrests 93 Fishermen Off Rameswaram

BK140316 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 14 Oct 84

[Text] Seventeen Indian trawlers with 93 fishermen were arrested by the Sri Lankan naval forces off Rameswaram on Thursday morning [11 October]. According to a news agency report the fishermen who put out to sea on Wednesday night had been taken to Talaimannar in Sri Lanka. The fishermen's association in Rameswaram has threatened to launch an agitation in protest against the incident.

Meanwhile, the Tamil Nadu finance minister, Mr V.R. Nedu cheriyan, has told the Legislative Council that the state government is taking up the matter with the center.

Ship Attacked by Iraq in Gulf Reaches Bahrain

BK121558 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 12 Oct 84

[Text] The Indian ship *Jag Pari*, which was attacked yesterday in the Gulf area about 100 km from Bahrain, has reached Bahrain for repairs. One crewman was injured and the crane of the ship was badly damaged. REUTER, quoting the captain of the ship, said that the ship had been bombed by an Iranian warplane.

Arson, Violence Reported in Tripura Strike

BK150846 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 15 Oct 84

[Text] In Tripura, one child was killed and 11 others injured in violent incidents following a 24-hour bundh [strike] today. The call for the bundh was given by the banned Tribal National Volunteers — extremist organization. Cases of arson have also been reported from several non-tribal villages in two districts. According to PTI about 15 houses were set on fire by the extremists. Senior police officials reviewed the law and order situation in the state this morning.

Delhi Reports Bhaskara Rao, Supporters Released

BK140541 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 14 Oct 84

[Text] The former Andhra Pradesh chief minister, Mr Bhaskara Rao, and some of his erstwhile Cabinet colleagues and supporters who were arrested in Tirupati have since been released. Police sources in Hyderabad said that they were released last night. As already reported, the arrests were made last evening for defying prohibitory orders.

Bharatiya Janata Party Executive Meets in Pune

BK131700 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 13 Oct 84

[Text] The Bharatiya Janata Party has urged the center to resume the dialogue with all concerned to find a lasting political

solution to the Punjab tangle. In a resolution on the political situation placed before the party's national executive now in session in Pune, it demanded immediate release of Akali leaders, including Sant Harchand Singh Longowal. It said a political solution alone can restore peace and prosperity in the state.

In another draft resolution placed before the National Council today, the party urged the center to accept the election commission's recommendations of holding the Lok Sabha elections in Assam on the basis of the 1971 electoral rolls. The resolution also criticized the alleged attempt to destabilize noncongress(I) governments in Jammu and Kashmir, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal.

Party Recommends Opposition Cooperation

BK140915 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 14 Oct 84

[Text] The Bharatiya Janata Party [BJP] has recommended a 4-point formula for opposition cooperation in the forthcoming election. A resolution on the party's approach to the Lok Sabha election adopted at the National Council meeting at Pune today calls the opposition parties to declare their willingness to form a coalition on the basis of a common minimum program. It saidseat adjustment exercises should be taken up primarily at the state level, taking into account the party's performance in the last Lok Sabha election.

The resolution further said the leader of the coalition constituents should be elected after the poll.

U.S. Nuclear Offer Scored

BK141619 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 14 Oct 84

[Excerpts] The national council of the Bharatiya Janata Party ended its 2-day session in Pune today. Winding up the deliberations the party president, Mr Atal Behari Vajpayee, asked the workers to gear up the election machinery for the coming Lok Sabha election.

Later, addressing a press conference, Mr Vajpayee expressed concern at the reported offer of nuclear umbrella to Pakistan by the United States. He described it as a threat to national security.

Mr Vajpayee said that the move was contrary to the assurances of the Pakistan Government and would be violative of the accepted principles of nonalignment.

Ziaul Haq Condemns Attempt on Thatcher's Life

BK121730 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 12 Oct 84

[Text] President General Mohammad Ziaul Haq has sent a message to the British prime minister, Mrs Thatcher on the [Brighton] incident. He said that he was deeply shocked at the dastardly bomb explosion in the hotel at Brighton where she and other members of the Conservative Party were staying. He said he was greatly relieved to know that she was unharmed by the grace of God. He conveyed to her his heartfelt sorrow and sympathy at injuries and loss of lives suffered by many innocent people.

The president said that this tragic incident once again underlines the need for effective measures to curb indiscriminate acts of terrorism aimed at destabilizing established governments and institutions and trying to create condition leading to fear and confusion. The president expressed his best wishes and prayers for Mrs Thatcher's continued well being and long life and for speedy recovery and good health of the injured.

BBC: Karachi 'Seriously Affected' by Strike

BK141026 London BBC World Service in English 0015 GMT 14 Oct 84

[From "Radio Newsreel" program]

[Text] The week after it was torn by communal violence, the Pakistani city of Karachi has been seriously affected by a general strike. The protestants were Sunni Muslims, and their demands included restrictions on Shi'ite Muslims and the release of 10 of their own leaders arrested a week ago. The details from Alex Brodie in Islamabad:

[Begin recording] All the important retail and wholesale markets in the center of Karachi as well as the shopping reas in the suburbs were closed. An estimated 50 percent of the private transport (?came) out on strike, but all the government transport services ran as usual. The strike was called by an action committee of Sunni Muslims in support of their demands.

They include the release of 10 of their leaders who were arrested during the Shi'ite-Sunni riots which erupted a week ago on the 10th of the month of Muharram — the day of significance to all Muslims with a particular importance to Shi'ites.

Six Shi'ite leaders were also arrested. The Sunni activists are also now demanding the trial of inspector general of police for the Province of Sind — he is a Shi'ite — and the banning of Shi'ite processions. Saturday's strike was relatively peaceful with only sporadic skirmishes between Sunni youths and security forces (?as) witnessed roads strewn with stones and burnt tires. Many arrests were reported but no official figures are available. A large part of Karachi has now been under curfew since last Saturday. A heavy presence of security forces is trying to prevent Sunni activists attacking Shi'ite property. Pakistan is a Sunni Muslim country with a large Shi'ite minority. There are no official figures, but estimates vary between 10 and 25 millions Shi'ites out of a population of about 85 millions.

Afghan Armored Personnel Carrier Crew Defects

BK141604 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 14 Oct 84

[Text] An Afghan armored personnel carrier under the command of Lieutenant Merajuddin along with two crew members, Mohammad Sharif and Mohammad Nabi, crossed the Pakistani border and reached Sayedkhana near Pishin at 1230 on 12 October. The Soviet-type armored vehicle has a total capacity of 14 armed personnel. It is mounted with a 42.55-mm gun and a 7.62-mm coaxial machine gun.

Lieutenant Merajuddin said that they had been baffled by the bold attitude of the Kabul authorities; that is why they had left Afghanistan to come to Pakistan and request political asylum here.

The Government of Pakistan is considering their request for political asylum.

SRI LANKA

Jayewardene Explains Nationalization Policy

BK141345 Colombo International Service in English 1030 GMT 14 Oct 84

[Text] President Jayewardene has expressed the government's determination not to change its policy on nationalization and its policy to allow the private sector to compete with the public sector. He pointed out that the government had not taken any step to change the nationalized services, such as the port and the other organizations in the fields of housing and insurance.

The president emphasized that although he supported socialist principles, he would never fall prey to such policy. The president also said that socialist policies pursued blindly would deprive the people of their democratic freedom.

Addressing a public meeting, which followed the opening of a water supply scheme in the Hewaheta electorate yesterday, President Jayewardene also said that even President Francois Mitterrand had changed his policies despite the fact that he is a socialist leader.

Citing examples from Cuba and China, Mr Jayewardene said that even these socialist countries had now set up free trade zones, similar to the free trade zone in Sir Lanka.

This, he said, was a clear indication that there should be a change in government policies from time to time according to the political and socioeconomic changes. However, the basic principles should remain unchanged. Referring to the changes which took place in the United National Party under his leadership, Mr Jayewardene pointed out that there was no place in his party today for family [word indistinct] and the party had not fallen prey to land owners. He said that nobody criticized the party as one only working for the welfare of the rich. The president also reaffirmed the government's commitment to make every attempt to ensure better living standard for the people of this country.

Leaders Condemn Attack on Life of Thatcher

BK131109 Colombo International Service in English 1030 GMT 13 Oct 84

[Text] President Jayewardene and Prime Minister R. Premadasa have expressed shock over the bomb attack on British Government leaders.

In a message to the British prime minister, the president and the prime minister have said that they were deeply shocked to learn of the bomb explosion at Brighton in which several persons lost their lives and others were injured. They have condemned such brutal violence.

The minister of foreign affairs, Shahul Hameed, has also sent a message to his British counterpart, Sir Geoffrey Howe, over the explosion.

85 Indian Fishermen Arrested for Poaching

BK131015 Colombo International Service in English 1030 GMT 13 Oct 84

[Text] About 85 Indian fishermen have been arrested and they were charged with fishing in Sri Lankan territorial water. The fishermen are from 17 trawlers seized by the navy this week off the northern coast. The action followed complaints by fishermen in Jaffna and Mannar that their catches were being affected by the presence of bigger craft in prawn-rich areas.

According to the Fisheries Ministry, a fisherman in Mannar had been intimidated and his 18 feet fiberglass boat forcibly taken by 4 armed men recently. On repeated complaints made by the northern fishermen, the Sri Lanka Navy had earlier seized certain Indian fishing boats under the fisheries regulation of foreign fishing boats act.

In maintaining the traditional friendly relations between Sri Lanka and India, most of these boats were relased on representations made by the government. However, it has now been found that the incidents of peaching by Indian fishing craft has increased tremendously causing problems for fishermen in north and northwestern regions. Legal action will be instituted against the Indian fishermen, who had violated the Fisheries Act No 59 of 1979.

Curfew Imposed on Northern Territorial Waters

BK141050 Colombo International Service in English 1030 GMT 14 Oct 84

[Text] A curfew is now enforced from 1800 to 0600 the following day off the northern territorial waters in Sri Lanka. National Security Minister Lalith Athulathmudali said that those who violated the curfew could not be treated as innocent citizens. Addressing a mahapola [relegious] ceremony at Rambukkana last night, the minister said the action had been taken to allocate another area for northern fishermen to conduct their fishing operation.

The minister said that every possible measure would be taken to stop the terrorists from bringing weapons from India to Sri Lanka.

The minister also ruled out the possibility of holding friendly talks with Indian Government on a private basis to solve the dispute. He expressed the hope that the people will face any invasion challenge and protect the unitary status of the country.

Censorship Relaxed Except on All-Party Issue

BK131125 Colombo International Service in English 1030 GMT 13 Oct 84

[Text] The government has relaxed the press censorship. It had been in force for the past several months. According to the Department of Information, the censorship will, however, continue to be in force on matters relating to the all-party conference. Editors have been asked to impose self-censorship on reports dealing with terrorism.

Khamene'i Friday Sermon on Israeli UN Membership

LD121413 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 12 Oct 84

[Excerpts] Millions of our Muslim compatriots observed the glorious Friday prayer ceremonies throughout the country today. Tehran's Muslim, revolutionary citizens, too, by their presence at Tehran University and the surrounding thoroughfares today observed this immortal Muhammadan tradition under the imamate of Hojjat ol-Eslam val-Moslemin Khamene'i today.

Continuing his second sermon Hojjat ol-Eslam val-Moslemin Khamene'i, referring to the Islamic Republic of Iran's constructive, expeditious move toward Israel's expulsion from the United Nations, spoke as follows:

[Begin recording] Following the Islamic Republic's powerful move toward expelling Israel from the United Nations, an anxious, panicky reaction by the United States, by the Zionists themselves, and by U.S. allies has been observed. What is taking place in the Islamic world today also took place a few years ago — 5 or 6 years ago — when Egypt's traitorous leaders moved toward strengthening peace with Israel, hoping to bring pressure on the Islamic Republic's rapid and powerful advancement. They have provoked another such reaction.

A number of people used to say over the years, in various circles and on various occasions: Do not wage military struggle against Israel. It is useless. The United States will not allow it. But wage political struggle! They wished to flee from the arena of struggle, the struggle against Israel. They did not dare to say openly: We do not struggle against Israel. They used to come out with the pretext that a military struggle is impossible and a political struggle should be waged! Very well, we are waging a political struggle. Now the powerful fist of the Islamic Republic and of a number of other progressive countries has been raised in the United Nations against Israel and its world credibility. Who among those people who claim to struggle against Israel would be prepared to come and join the Islamic Republic in striking this blow and having the honor of waging political struggle against Israel? Are they prepared? Of course, it will not be long before the nations will be passing judgment.

We think that behind-the-scenes plots have been hatched to prevent voting on the Islamic Republic's resolution aimed at expelling Israel. They are doing their utmost at this time: The Americans are striving, some of the Europeans are striving, even some of the governments which one would have expected — and we would have thought highly likely — to wage a strong struggle here, even these people, we think are hatching plots! Of course, it will soon be clear who carried out such a plot. We feel that this is a decisive blow against Israel! (?So let us see). Let them tell me!

Of course, you, dear brothers and sisters, know. This is nothing new to you. Perhaps this will not be anything new for the world, for those people who know the system of the Islamic Republic and our revolution. But just the same I would once again repeat this: The Islamic Republic, both as a nation and as a government, shall never for a single moment feel fear, loneliness, or weakness in the face of global plots and collusions, [cheers] such as they experienced in connection with the war, the imposed war. Well, they saw what they saw! They resorted to various methods, stratagems, wicked deeds and plots in order to intimidate the Islamic Republic. Of course, they know that they cannot inflict defeat. It is clear to them. Today the situation in the world is not one whereby any power can so powerfully enter this arena as to be able to defeat us. They know that they will never be able to inflict defeat on the Islamic Republic, but they want to intimidate us. From the West, East, the United States and others, reactionary governments — some said: Do not sell arms. Some said: Give deadly weapons to their (?opponents). Some said: Open [word indistinct]. Some said: Imposed a blockade. Some said: The United States should intervene. Everyone said whatever he could in this connection in order to intimidate the Islamic Republic. But they saw in practice, are now seeing, and, God willing, they will see that as time passes the Islamic Republic will become more resistant and powerful! [cheers] The same goes for the international arena, and the same goes for policies. We deem God to be on our side, to be our helper. We also deem the dear, great, glorious, compassionate, selfless, and struggling to be tirelessly on our side. Therefore, God willing, we are standing up with all our might! [end recording]

Friday Sermon on Sunni-Shi'ite Differences

GF131006 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1730 GMT 12 Oct 84

[Arabic Friday sermon by Hojjat ol-Eslam 'Ali Khamene'i, president of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Tehran Friday imam, at Tehran University on 12 October — recorded]

[Excerpt] Muslims, regardless of their nationalities and languages, need to understand each other and unify their position. Under current conditions, sly and dangerous policies are fomenting various differences and dissent, such as kindling the spirit of discord between Sunnites and Shi'ites. Imperialism has recruited hireling journalists [words indistinct] in order to write about religion and thus revive old grudges which the reformists have tried over the past century to eradicate.

The revival the Islamic world has witnessed in the Islamic Republic of Iran is a wonderful solution to the differences between the Sunnites and the Shi'ites within the framework of an honorable Islamic state. Unfortunately, it has also witnessed the distribution of books, booklets, and pamphlets in various languages that trigger the flame of sectarian differences. What is worse than this is the exploitation of the pilgrimage season's great monotheist unity gathering in distributing these misleading papers. This fosters national and regional fanaticism. Muslims all over the world have to realize that the joint front of their enemies — which is designed to weaken and subjugate them — is greatly interested in breaking their ranks and subverting their unity by raising the banners of secular discrimination, racism, and nationalism.

Our nation, peoples, and governments, have to stand up against this onslaught and destruction. The ulema, the thinkers, the committed writers, and all those who occupy a social position must shoulder the responsibility of confronting this destructive plot. Another lesson that the pilgrims of this year, and of every year, can take home with them is the disavowal of polytheism and

struggling against international arrogance. It is a great mistake to imagine that peoples will be free of the ambitions harbored by the forces of internationalarrogance if they abandon the struggle against such covetous powers.

Previous experiences have proved that the [words indistinct] who are the heroes of international arrogance do not look on subjugated peoples with mercy, but regard capitulation as an opportunity to invade and seize resources.

The silence of the people and the governments toward the flagrant aggression which is being launched by the superpowers against the Islamic regions paves the way for further aggression. This also encourages the aggressors to go toofar in their arrogance.

Some of the politicians in the region who are tied to U.S. policy today raise their voices calling for an abandonment of the armed struggle against the Zionist enemy and for a return to the so-called political struggle. This stems from the hope that through capitulation, truce and flattery they can succeed in repulsing Israel.

We strongly denounce all these retreats and capitulation on the Palestinian issue and the other fateful issues of our nation. We ascertain that this retreat and capitulation will only lead to the victory of the United States, the ally of Israel.

Do not conceive any war against the enemy, unless it includes all aspects. This means political and economic aspects as well as military considerations.

Those who call for abandoning the armed struggle under the pretext of adopting the political struggle have actually no capability or power or courage even in the genuine political struggle.

Spokesman Denies Iran To Host Palestinian Meeting

LD131643 Tehran IRNA in English 1636 GMT 13 Oct 84

[Text] Tehran, Oct 13, IRNA — A spokesman of Iran's Foreign Ministry today denied rumours of Tehran hosting the forthcoming session of the Palestinian National Assembly.

Palestinian and Arab officials this week hinted that Tehran might host the forthcoming session of the assembly.

Official Denies Iranian-Saudi Meeting Held

LD131638 Tehran IRNA in English 1633 GMT 13 Oct 84

[Text] Tehran, Oct. 13, IRNA — An Iranian Foreign Ministry official categorically denied here Saturday a rumoured meeting between the Iranian charge d'affaires to Saudi Arabia with the Saudi deputy foreign minister in charge of political affaires, last week.

He told IRNA that there had been no meetings between the two and described the rumour as "a false report published for special political ends."

Armed Forces Joint Staff Issues Communiques

No 1,878

LD121636 Tehran IRNA in English 1600 GMT 12 Oct 84

[Text] Tehran, Oct. 12, IRNA — The Joint Staff Command of the Armed Forces announced Friday in its communique No. 1,878 that an Iraqi motor pool, one truck and six weaponry positions and enemy observation posts were set ablaze west of Arvand River during the past 24 hours.

In Abadan and Khorramshahr, the Iraqi positions were zeroed in on by the fire of Islamic combatants.

In northwestern and western operational regions, the Islamic combatants rained fire on an enemy vehicle column checking its movements. Also Iraqi fire was silenced. The activities of the enemy patrols as well as their attempts at constructing bunkers were halted in these fronts.

The Iraqi logistic routes were subjected to the continuous fire of the Islamic defenders, as a result of which the enemy's activities were curtailed or halted in the said fronts.

Ten houses and six shops were damaged as a result of Iraqi mortar shelling upon residential areas in Abadan during the past day, concluded the Joint Staff Command communique.

No 1,879

LD131701 Tehran IRNA in English 1611 GMT 13 Oct 84

[Text] Tehran, oct. 13, IRNA — The Islamic combatants demolished three heavy weaponry positions, and set ablaze one fuel tanker truck, one truck, one communication mast and two munitions depots in Chuman Mostafa region, in north western theatre during the past 24 hours.

Announcing this the Joint Staff Command Communique No. 1,879 issued Saturday further said that considerable damages were inflicted upon the defensive lines of the enemy while several Iraqi troops were killed or wounded in these fronts, and movement of Iraqi logistic vehicles and motorised columns were halted there.

The Iraqi positions and motorised columns were subjected to the fire of Islamic defenders in the nowrthwestern fronts of Piranshah, Sar Dasht and Marivan during the said period.

In western fronts, the activities of Iraqi helicopters were thwated by the anti-aircraft defence units of Islamic combatants. The activities of Iraqi forces to build positions were halted and the enemy sustained casualties and losses.

The Islamic combatants zeroed in on the Iraqi positions and fortifications in the southern fronts and checked all their patrol activities especially in the region overlooking jazzabeh, and Anbar River area inflicting casualites and losses upon the enemy.

In Zobeydeh, Bayat and Arvand River banks, said the communique, the Gendarmerie forces silenced the Iraqi fire and

destroyed several group and individual bunkers, two vehicles and two observation posts killing several of their personnel during the mentioned period.

Iraqi fire on Abadan during the past 24 hours wounded one civilian and and damaged four houses.

Also fire broke out in three cases, concluded the Joint Staff Command communique.

No 1,880

LD141634 Tehran IRNA in English 1555 GMT 14 Oct 84

[Text] Tehran, Oct. 14, IRNA — The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran said in its Communique Number 1,880 here Sunday that 45 Iraqi soldiers had been killed and or wounded in battlefronts near Piranshah, Sar Dasht, Hajj 'Umran, and Panjwin, and that another seven had been killed and or wounded in the western fronts on Saturday.

The communique said the Iranian combatants had destroyed one enemy ammunitions depot, two mortar launchers, two trucks along with their crews and wrecked parts of an enemy outpost in the north western fronts.

In exchange of artillery fire near border battlefronts in Bakhtaran and Ilam provinces, the Iranian troops prevented engineering operations of the enemy troops, destroying two ammunitions depots, one artillery piece and another mortar launcher.

Also two enemy watch-posts, and about 10 artillery emplacements of the Iraqi troops were destroyed and seven of them killed in the area.

Elsewhere in the southern fronts sporadic artillery fire was traded between Iran's Muslim combatants and the Iraqi troops raging somewhat heavier in Sharhani and Kushk.

The Iranian troops knocked off one drilling vehicle of the Iraqi troops and also levelled four of their artillery emplacements.

Meanwhile one civilian was martyred and another two wounded in Abadan on Saturday as the city was shelled by the Iraqi forces from across the border.

The enemy shells also damaged nine houses and four shops in the city.

Iraq Bombs Civilians in Ilam Province Village

LD131045 Tehran IRNA in English 1040 GMT 13 Oct 84

[Text] Ilam, Oct. 13, IRNA — One woman was martyred and seven other villagers were wounded today, Saturday, when four Iraqi war planes bombarded the Golan village of Mehran in Ilam Province.

This savage attack, which was carried out despite Iraq's commitment to the U.N.'s request for refraining from attacking against residential areas, also inflicted heavy damages on the region.

Units Rescue Victims of Missile Attack in Gulf

GF130518 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 13 Oct 84

[Text] The fighter planes of the Zionist regime in Iraq attacked a tanker carrying methane gas. The Panamanian-registered vesselcaught fire as a result of the attack. Units of the Islamic Republic of Iran immediately went to the assistance of the crew of the vessel and rescued 20 persons, 16 of which were Spanish and 4 Greek.

USSR Envoy Delivers 'Special Message' to Velayati

LD131721 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 13 Oct 84

[Text] The Soviet Ambassador to the Islamic Republic met with Mr Velayati, the foreign minister, this evening. In this meeting, the Soviet ambassador handed over to Mr Velayati a special message from his government and explained his government's views on some international issues.

Montazeri Tells Combatants Slogans Not Enough

LD131328 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 13 Oct 84

[Text] A large group of mobilization and Islamic Revolution Guards Corps combatants, who were leaving for the battlefronts of good against evil; Mr Rahmani, supervisor of the mobilization; a group of the families of the martyrs and brothers on bicycles [as heard] who were leaving for Khuninshahr; Mr Davudi, official responsible for physical culture; a number of the members of the Islamic societies in Esfahan's Government offices; and Tehran women teachers met Grand Ayatollah Montazeri yesterday. During the meeting he spoke of the need for great effort by all classes to bring the country to self-sufficiency and to remove the need for foreigners and to avoid excessive slogans. He said: Of course, slogans are good and necessary things, but if they exceed the limit of necessity they cause harm and disappointment among the people, since they would be divorced from the main goals of the revolution and focussed solely on their own limitations.

Grand Ayatollah Montarzeri also called on our mobilization, IRGC and army brothers to make the utmost use of the time and opportunity at their disposal on the fronts. They should not spend their entire time chanting slogans or carrying out unnecessary ceremonies. They should strive towards receiving various types of essential military training, making use of opportunities on the fronts. They should learn the enemy's military stratagems and the methods of fighting the same and just as the Holy Koran has openly commanded: And against them make ready your strength to the utmost of your power, including steeds of war, to strike terror into the hearts of the enemies of God and your enemies. They should prepare and mobilize themselves from every standpoint towards defending the country and revolution.

He then graciously said: Of course, the chanting of prayers, and appropriate benedictions concerning pilgrimages are necessary in order to maintain one's links with Almighty God, but side by side with these one should increase one's knowledge of military,

instructional, intelligence, and combat affairs. The political awareness of individuals should also be raised so that our combatants should become strong and powerful from all standpoints, material as well as military and moral as well as political.

Grand Ayatollah Montazeri then placed a sum of 20 million rials at the disposal of the official responsible for mobilization towards strengthening the warfronts and removing the material needs of the combatants.

Also during the past few days his great eminence received a sum of 1,000,000 rials donated by the heads of documents, marriage and divorce bureaus and the Karaj registration department; a sum of 1,200,000 rials donated by the workers from the regional power stations in Mazandaran through Mr Qanbari, deputy for Qa'emshahr to the Islamic Consultative Assembly; and more than one kilogram of gold and silver donated by the people of Nurabad in Mamasani, through the Friday imam and governor of that township and the commander of the Al-Mahdi Brigade in that region, as assistance for the battlefronts of the imposed war.

Stresses Military Learning

LD131627 Tehran IRNA in English 1615 GMT 13 Oct 84

[Text] Tehran, Oct. 13, IRNA — Ayatollah Montazeri received on Friday large group of Basij and IRGC combatants who were enroute to the battlefronts.

Ayatollah Montazeri stressed to the gathering the necessity of all strata of society endeavoring to help the country reach self-sufficienty.

The ayatollah advised the Basij, IRGC and army combatants to take advantage of all opportunities for learning essential military techniques.

He also urged them to keep abreast of the enemy's military strategy in order to neutralise it.

In the same meeting Ayatollah Montazeri gifted some 20 million rials (Dls. 215,000) to the disposal of combatants.

In other developments the people of Karaj City and Mazandaran Province donated 2,200,000 rials (Dls. 23,655) and the people of Nurabad, Mamassani, gave more than one kilogram of gold and silver to the ayatollah to be spent on the warfronts.

Hashemi-Rafsanjani Meets Friday Prayers Leader

LD141911 Tehran IRNA in English 1854 GMT 14 Oct 84

[Text] Tehran, Oct 14 IRNA — Majlis Speaker Hojjat ol-Eslam 'Ali 'Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani received Hojjat ol-Eslam Furqani, the Friday prayers leader of Firuzabad, Fars Province, on Sunday.

He reported to the speaker on the political and social situation of the region.

Tehran Ready for POW Visits, Unilateral Releases

LD131111 Tehran IRNA in English 1100 GMT 13 Oct 84

[Text] Tehran, Oct. 13, IRNA — The Islamic Republic of Iran is ready to receive one thousand immediate relatives of the Iraqi prisoners of war in Iran every month, announced the head of the commission for Iraqi POW's, Nazaran, here Saturday.

Also, he added, in case of the cooperation of the International Red Cross, every two months a number of Iraqi POW's would be unilaterally released by Iran.

Speaking at a press conference, Nazaran referred to facilities so far provided for the families of the Iraqi POW's in Iran to see their children.

He said that although the Baghdad regime had created obstacles on the way of implementation of such an Islamic initiative by the Islamic Republic, Iran had provided necessary requirements for the visit of the immediate relatives of the Iraqi POW's in Iran.

Relatives of the Iraqi POW's, who were residing outside Iraq, could report to the Iranian Embassies there and by announcing the names of their POW's, could receive permission for arriving in Iran, Nazaran said.

In case of POW's whose relatives were in Iraq, he added that it was responsibility of the International Red Cross to arrange the visit in the framework of existing regulations.

Announcing Iran's preparedness for the unilateral delivery of 74 disabled Iraqi POW's to the International Red Cross, Nazaran stressed that any delay in this respect should be undertaken by the IRC.

In addition to the delivery of the mentioned number of Iraqi POW's, the Islamic Republic was also ready, if the IRC cooperated, unilaterally to deliver every two months a number of other disabled Iraqi POW's to the International Red Cross.

Soviets Kill Afghan Civilians After Attack Fails

LD131506 Tehran IRNA in English 1452 GMT 3 Oct 84

[Text] Tehran, Oct 13, IRNA — Afghan Muslim mujahidin killed more than 300 Soviet soldiers and a high ranking advisor, in repelled attacks launched in the Neshing [placename as received] region of Afghanistan.

Also some 220 Soviet troops were wounded in these air and ground attacks which lasted 36 hours on 23 Sept. A statement issued by the Afghanistan Islamic party said in the repulsed Soviet assault the mujahidin seized 40 Kalashinkovs, one missile launcher and tens of thousands of cartridges from the Soviet as spoils of war. In retaliation for the checked offensive the Soviet aggressors bombarded the region devasting 500 residential quarters. They also rounded up 73 women and boys of the Neshing region in the village and gunned them down.